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5 November 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 5 November 1968

The Director expressed his appreciation that no circumstances were created over the past several months to cause CIA to become a Presidential campaign issue.

DD/I reported that some twenty of the photographs taken by [redacted] [redacted] were found to be helpful.

Godfrey briefed on an exchange of fire in the DMZ this morning between the North Vietnamese and South Vietnamese.

Godfrey advised that yesterday the Czechs awarded peace prizes not only to Svoboda and Dubcek but also to the liberal former directors of Czechoslovak radio and television.

Godfrey reported that Ben Read has asked that the one-page weekly Situation Report on Vietnam for Secretary Rusk be eliminated.

Godfrey drew attention to a press report of shooting in Amman, which has not yet been corroborated.

D/ONE advised that the Southeast Asia Estimate will be postponed until next week in order to give representatives additional time for consideration. The Estimates on Eastern Europe and Soviet arms control policy are scheduled for this Thursday's USIB meeting.

Carver drew attention to a lengthy cable from General Abrams detailing pre-bombing-pause intelligence gleanings, which have COSVN

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telling its cadres that pressures for a cease-fire and coalition government will be preceded at the appropriate time by a renewed round of attacks on cities in South Vietnam.

Maury advised that Ben Gilleas of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff will accompany Senator Stennis to Europe. Since the Senator's party departs today, arrangements will be made for Gilleas to be briefed by Ray Cline on the German spy cases. [REDACTED]

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ADD/S&T reported that on Thursday night an SR-71 was fired on by two North Vietnamese SAM's.

ADD/S&T advised that the Director's missile panel will meet on 5-6 February 1969.

DD/P drew attention to a report disseminated yesterday that South Vietnamese government leaders wish to patch up differences with the United States posthaste.

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DD/P advised that Bill Trueheart telephoned to advise that Secretary Rusk would like a roundup on the spy cases before traveling to Europe.

25X1 DDCI advised that the NIRB findings on the [REDACTED] effort will include a recommendation to dispense with the plain text aspect of the [REDACTED] system.

DDCI advised that the seventeen admirals from the Office of Naval Operations are now scheduled to visit CIA Headquarters on 11 December for a briefing on Agency activities.

The Director informed that General Wheeler has sent his cable to MACV on the NVA strength figure compromise and that an exchange of views is continuing.

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